

FNS Role in Food Safety and Food Security

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Rapid Alert System

- Food Safety Alert
 - Early warning system to minimize spread of exposure to harmful agents
- Tracking system
 - Rapid identification of food locations
 - Rapid containment and disposal of contaminated food

Rapid Alert System

- Piggy-back onto ECOS
 - E-mail notice
 - Phone
 - Fax
 - Cell
 - pager

Rapid Alert System

- Two-way communication between SFAs (or schools) and FNS
- Can add first responders: state and local public health departments
- Conducting pilot programs in Arizona, California, and Virginia

Rapid Alert System

- GOAL:
- Implement rapid alert system in all states
- Interface with ECOS – states that have own ordering systems

Next Steps

- Complete assessments of other food products
- Refine countermeasures
- Outreach activities - industry, State districts, schools
- Enhance ECOS capabilities
- Implement rapid alert system in all states

